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UPDATING GENERAL RELIEF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In 2016, the Los Angeles County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the recommendations of the Homeless Initiative, a comprehensive set of strategies and administrative actions to connect people who are experiencing homelessness to critical supports and services such as housing, jobs, and mainstream benefits. Several of these recommendations focused upon General Relief (GR), a County-funded mainstream benefit program that provides financial assistance to indigent adults who are ineligible for federal or State programs.

The County Code includes several eligibility restrictions for GR participants, including limits on the value of personal property and other assets. Some of these restrictions carry dollar amounts that are preventing individuals who are truly indigent from participating in GR.

A comprehensive review of our current GR eligibility requirements is necessary to help ensure that the program is reaching the very residents it was created to support.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS direct the Department of Public Social Services and County Counsel to report back, in writing, within 30 days on:

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1. Recommendations for updating asset limits for GR eligibility and the estimated fiscal impact to the County;
2. Recommendations for other adjustments that could be made to the County Code that would increase the impact of the County's poverty reduction programs to include more individuals who are truly indigent but currently ineligible for these programs.

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